IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS FOR A CAR AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.